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**To:** "Swami Haribodhananda", "Working Together", "Ahimsadhara Saraswati", "Atma", "Poornamurti", "Sarah Tetlow", "Suryamitra"  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Easter Sunday at Mangrove Ashram

Hello One and All

I think that we shouldn't fall into the trap of trying to justify why various people are on the Taskforce. It's not appropriate nor is it particularly helpful.

Having met yourself and Yogajayanti I suspect you guys have had your own journey with regards to all this stuff and would serve no purpose in dragging you through it again.

I feel that should stick with the main game and not get side tracked on other people's agenda's.

Cheers

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**From:** Swami Haribodhananda [mailto:**REDACTED**]  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 April 2014 3:47 AM  
**To:** 'Working Together'; 'Ahimsadhara Saraswati'; 'Atma'; 'Bert Franzen'; 'Poornamurti'; 'Sarah Tetlow'; 'Suryamitra'  
**Subject:** RE: Easter Sunday at Mangrove Ashram

Hari Om

I thought this would come up re me when the name of the TF members were released.

I can write something about my involvement then and now that you can send to her if you like.

Her and I were never close but got on well because our birthday is on the same date.

Om  
Hb

**From:** Working Together [mailto:[workingtogethertf@gmail.com](mailto:workingtogethertf@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 April 2014 2:06 PM  
**To:** Ahimsadhara Saraswati; Atma; Bert Franzen; Poornamurti; Sarah Tetlow; Suryamitra; Swami Haribodhananda  
**Subject:** Fwd: Easter Sunday at Mangrove Ashram

Hari Om,  
I am forwarding you this email from Alecia both for its positive feedback and due to the questions she asks. I have had a little more correspondence with her to clarify who she is talking about in points one and two. She is questioning the legitimacy of the task force due to the presence of Haribodh and Atma. The first point is in relation to Hb and the second to Atma. Re the Swami Satyananda points, I have simply explained that I cannot answer those questions but I am aware that they will keep coming up.

Om, Ahimsa

Date: Wed, Apr 9, 2014 at 10:55 PM-  
Subject: RE: Easter Sunday at Mangrove Ashram  
To: Working Together <[workingtogethertf@gmail.com](mailto:workingtogethertf@gmail.com)>

Dear Ahimsa. You have made a huge effort and I thank you. Keep going. It's important that Satyananda ashrams leave no stone unturned. The Royal Commission will do this anyway, but from the ashram's perspective it needs to happen or there will always be a certain 'wrongness' about the ashram and everything it stands for.

And with this in mind I ask you to ask yourself

- Why does the taskforce accept one of Akhandananda's most avid supporters of the time into its team?
- Why does the taskforce accept a senior swami on its team who has in the past worked actively to suppress the stories victims were telling. Who used terms along the lines of 'it was a small hiccup in the past' when questioners sought help or clarity on the issue. Who indicated that the young girls in question were provocative and caused their own sexual abuse
- Why has there been no discussion about the role of Satyananda himself in addressing (or dismissing as the ashram's archival documents will show) what was going on in Australia
- Why has there been no active attempt to uncover the basis for the persistent reports that Satyananda also sexually abused young girls under his yogic guidance and instruction

Some of these actions in particular have caused more hurt, a thing which I am sure you yourself Ahimsa never intended. I ask you to keep going.

Regards, Alecia